mode of operation, the user-defined mode of operation being capable of subsequent recall and selection by a user of the evaluation device;

an interface <u>adapted to permit</u> [permitting] a user of [said] <u>the</u> evaluation device to define [said] <u>the</u> user-defined mode of operation; [said] <u>the</u> interface receiving information from [said] <u>the</u> user specifying how [said] <u>the</u> device is to operate including how [said] <u>the</u> plurality of error conditions are to be handled; [said] <u>the</u> information being stored in [said] <u>the</u> memory; and

a mode selection element permitting the user to select one of [said] the modes of operation.

## **REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request that prior to the examination of the above-referenced continuation application that the above Preliminary Amendment "A" be entered and that the following remarks be considered. Claims 157 and 158 are pending the present continuation application. Claims 1-156 and 159-163 have been canceled. Claims 157 and 158 have been amended.

If there are any matters which may be resolved or clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge \$690.00 or should that amount be insufficient or any additional fees that may be required (except payment of the issue fee) to JENKENS & GILCHRIST, P.C. Deposit Account No. 10-0447(47171-00272).

Respectfully submitted,

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